## BEFORE THE BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Statement of Issues Against:

JAYAKUMAR VICKEASH

Case No. 2012-697

Respondent

## **DECISION AND ORDER**

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary order for Public Reproval is hereby adopted by the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective on January 15, 2013.

IT IS SO ORDERED <u>December 15, 2012.</u>

Raymond Mallel, President Board of Registered Nursing Department of Consumer Affairs State of California

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In the Matter of the Statement of Issues Against:

JAYAKUMAR VICKEASH

Attorneys for Complainant

Applicant for a Registered Nurse License

Respondent.

Case No. 2012-697

STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER FOR PUBLIC REPROVAL

[Bus. & Prof. Code § 495]

In the interest of a prompt and speedy settlement of this matter, consistent with the public interest and the responsibility of the Board of Registered Nursing of the Department of Consumer Affairs, the parties hereby agree to the following Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval which will be submitted to the Board for approval and adoption as the final disposition of the Statement of Issues.

#### **PARTIES**

- 1. LOUISE R. BAILEY, M.ED., RN ("Complainant") is the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing. She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by Kamala D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by Randy M. Mailman, Deputy Attorney General.
- 2. Jayakumar Vickeash ("Respondent") is representing himself in this proceeding and has chosen not to exercise his right to be represented by counsel.

3. On or about December 19, 2010, Jayakumar Vickeash submitted to the Board of Registered Nursing his application for a registered nurse license. On or about October 5, 2011, the Board denied Respondent's application for licensure. Respondent timely requested a hearing in the matter.

#### **JURISDICTION**

4. Statement of Issues No. 2012-697 was filed before the Board of Registered Nursing ("Board"), Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Statement of Issues and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on June 12, 2012. Respondent timely filed his request for a hearing contesting the Statement of Issues. A copy of Statement of Issues No. 2012-697 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

## ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 5. Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in Statement of Issues No. 2012-697. Respondent has also carefully read, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Statement of Issues; the right to be represented by counsel at his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

#### **CULPABILITY**

8. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Statement of Issues No. 2012-697.

9. Respondent agrees that his application for a registered nurse license is subject to denial and he agrees to be bound by the terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

#### **CONTINGENCY**

- 10. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Registered Nursing.

  Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Registered Nursing may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 11. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 12. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval is intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.
- 13. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

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## **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that upon satisfaction of all statutory and regulatory requirements for issuance of registered nurse license, a registered nurse license shall be issued to Jayakumar Vickeash.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that said license shall, by way of letter from the Board's Executive Officer, be publicly reproved. The letter shall be in the same form as the letter attached as Exhibit B to this stipulation.

## ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval.

I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my application for a registered nurse license. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Registered Nursing.

DATED: 9 13/12

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JAYAKUMAR VICKEASH Respondent

## **ENDORSEMENT**

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order for Public Reproval is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Registered Nursing of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Dated: September 27,2012

Respectfully submitted,

KAMALA D. HARRIS Attorney General of California KAREN B. CHAPPELLE Supervising Deputy Attorney General

RANDY M. MAILMAN Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant

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# Exhibit A

Statement of Issues No. 2012-697

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10	In the Matter of the Statement of Issues Case No. 2012-697
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12	JAYAKUMAR VICKEASH
13	Applicant for a Registered Nurse License STATEMENT OF ISSUES
14	Respondent.
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16	Complainant alleges:
17	<u>PARTIES</u>
18	1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN ("Complainant") brings this Statement of Issues solely
19	in her official capacity as the Interim Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing,
20	Department of Consumer Affairs.
21	2. On or about December 23, 2010, the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of
22	Consumer Affairs ("Board") received an application for a Registered Nurse License from
23	Jayakumar Vickeash ("Respondent"). On or about December 19, 2010, Jayakumar Vickeash
24	certified under penalty of perjury to the truthfulness of all statements, answers, and
25	representations in the application. The Board denied the application on October 5, 2011.
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**JURISDICTION** 

3. This Statement of Issues is brought before the Board under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code ("Code") unless otherwise indicated.

## STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 4. Section 480 of the Code states, in pertinent part, that:
- "(a) A board may deny a license regulated by [the Business and Professions Code] on the grounds that the applicant has one of the following:
- (1) Been convicted of a crime. A conviction within the meaning of this section means a plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of *nolo contendere*. Any action that a board is permitted to take following the establishment of a conviction may be taken when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code.
- (3) (A) Done any act that if done by a licentiate of the business or profession in question, would be grounds for suspension or revocation of license.
- (B) The board may deny a license pursuant to this subdivision only if the crime or act is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which application is made."
  - 5. Section 2761 of the Code states, in pertinent, part that:
- "The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for any of the following:
  - (a) Unprofessional conduct.
- (f) Conviction of any offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a registered nurse, in which event the record of the conviction shall be conclusive evidence thereof."

6. Section 2762 of the Code states, in pertinent part, that:

"[I]t is unprofessional conduct for a person licensed under this chapter to do any of the following:

- (b) Use alcoholic beverages to an extent or in a manner dangerous or injurious to himself or herself, any other person, or the public or to the extent that such use impairs his or her ability to conduct with safety to the public the practice authorized by his or her license.
- (c) Be convicted of a criminal offense involving the consumption of any of the substances described in subdivisions (a) and (b) of this section, in which event the record of the conviction is conclusive evidence thereof.
- (d) Be committed or confined by a court of competent jurisdiction for intemperate use of or addiction to the use of any of the substances described in subdivisions (a) and (b) of this section, in which event the court order of commitment or confinement is prima facie evidence of such commitment or confinement..."
  - 7. Section 23152 of the California Vehicle Code states, in pertinent part, that:
- "(a) It is unlawful for any person who is under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or drug, or under the combined influence of any alcoholic beverage and drug, to drive a vehicle.
- (b) It is unlawful for any person who has 0.08 percent or more, by weight, of alcohol in his or her blood to drive a vehicle."

#### **REGULATORY PROVISIONS**

8. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1444, provides:

"A conviction or act shall be considered to be substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a registered nurse if to a substantial degree it evidences the present or potential unfitness of a registered nurse to practice in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare.

Such convictions or acts shall include but not be limited to the following:

- (a) Assaultive or abusive conduct including, but not limited to, those violations listed in subdivision (d) of Penal Code Section 11160.
- (b) Failure to comply with any mandatory reporting requirements.

- (c) Theft, dishonesty, fraud, or deceit.
- (d) Any conviction or act subject to an order of registration pursuant to <u>Section 290 of the</u>
  Penal Code."

## FIRST CAUSE FOR DENIAL

## (Conviction of Substantially Related Crimes)

- 9. Respondent's application for licensure is subject to denial under Code section 480, subdivision (a)(1), in conjunction with Code sections 480, subdivision (a)(3) and 2761, subdivision (f), as defined by California Code of Regulations title 16, section 1444, in that Respondent was convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, duties, and functions of a licensed Registered Nurse, as follows:
- 10. On or about November 12, 2008, in the criminal matter entitled *People v. Jayakumar Vickeash* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, 2008, Case No. TSB802718), Respondent was convicted of driving while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, in violation of California Vehicle Code 23152, subdivision (a), a misdemeanor. The Court placed Respondent on probation for three years, ordered Respondent to complete an alcohol education course, and ordered Respondent to serve two days in jail. The basis for the conviction is that on or about June 30, 2008, deputies with the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department conducted a traffic enforcement stop of Respondent after he cut in front of deputies and appeared to be having difficulty driving his vehicle because the engine was revving, but the car was not moving. Deputies conducted a series of field sobriety tests and determined that Respondent was intoxicated to the extent that he could not safely operate a motor vehicle. A blood alcohol test revealed that Respondent's blood alcohol concentration at the time of driving was .26%. On or about March 1, 2011, the conviction was dismissed pursuant to California Penal Code section 1203.4.

#### SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Dangerous Use of Alcohol)

11. Respondent's application for licensure is subject to denial under Code section 480, subdivision (a)(3), in conjunction with Code section 2761, subdivision (a) for unprofessional conduct, as defined by 2762, subdivision (b), in that Respondent used alcoholic beverages in a

manner dangerous to himself and the public when he operated a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

12. Complainant refers to and by this reference incorporates the allegations set forth in paragraph 10, inclusive, above, as though set forth fully.

## THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

## (Conviction Involving the Consumption of Alcohol)

- 13. Respondent's application for licensure is subject to denial under Code section 480, subdivision (a)(3), in conjunction with Code section 2761, subdivision (a) for unprofessional conduct, as defined by 2762, subdivision (c), in that Respondent was convicted of crimes involving the consumption of alcohol.
- 14. Complainant refers to and by this reference incorporates the allegations set forth in paragraph 10, inclusive, above, as though set forth fully.

## FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

## (Confined by Court for Intemperate Use of Alcohol)

- 15. Respondent's application for licensure is subject to denial under Code section 480, subdivision (a)(3), in conjunction with Code section 2761, subdivision (a) for unprofessional conduct, as defined by 2762, subdivision (d), in that Respondent was confined by a court of competent jurisdiction for intemperate use of alcohol.
- 16. Complainant refers to and by this reference incorporates the allegations set forth in paragraph 10, inclusive, above, as though set forth fully.

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## **PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision:

- 1. Denying the application of Jayakumar Vickeash for a Registered Nurse License;
- 2. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: May 14, 2012

LOUISE R. BAILEY, M.ED., RN

Interim Executive Officer Board of Registered Nursing Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California Complainant

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## Exhibit B

Letter of Public Reproval in Case No. 2012-697



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Louise R. Bailey, M.ED., RN, Executive Officer



December 15, 2012

Jayakumar Vickeash 531 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Redlands, CA 92374

RE:

LETTER OF PUBLIC REPROVAL

In the Matter of the Statement of Issues Against:
Jayakumar Vickeash, Applicant for Registered Nurse License

Dear Mr. Vickeash:

On May 14, 2012, the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California, filed a Statement of Issues denying your application for a registered nurse license. The Statement of Issues alleges that your application for licensure is subject to denial on four grounds: conviction of a substantially related crime, a violation of Business and Professions Code ("Code") sections 480, subdivision (a)(1), 480, subdivision (a)(3), 2761, subdivision (f), and California code of Regulations title 16, section 1444; that you used alcohol in a dangerous manner, a violation of Code section 480, subdivision (a)(3), in conjunction with Code section 2761, subdivision (a) for unprofessional conduct, as defined by 2762, subdivision (b); that you were convicted of an offense involving the consumption of alcohol, a violation of Code section 480, subdivision (a)(3), in conjunction with Code section 2761, subdivision (a) for unprofessional conduct, as defined by 2762, subdivision (c); and that you were confined by court for the intemperate use of alcohol, a violation of Code section 2761, subdivision (a) for unprofessional conduct, as defined by 2762, subdivision (d).

The basis for the violation is that on November 12, 2008, in the criminal matter entitled *People v. Jayakumar Vickeash* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, 2008, Case No. TSB802718), you were convicted of driving while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, in violation of California Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (a), a misdemeanor. The Court placed you on probation for three years, ordered you to complete an alcohol education course, and ordered you to serve two days in jail. The basis for the conviction is that on June 30, 2008, deputies with the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department conducted a traffic enforcement stop on you after you cut in front of deputies and appeared to be having difficulty driving your vehicle because your car's engine was revving, but the car was not moving. Deputies conducted a series of field sobriety tests and determined that you were intoxicated to the extent that you could not safely operate a motor vehicle. A blood alcohol test revealed that your blood alcohol concentration at the time of driving was .26%.

Taking into consideration that you come highly recommended from the San Bernardino Valley College, that you successfully completed the Jackson-Bibby Awareness Group alcohol education program, that the court dismissed your criminal conviction pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4, that you volunteer your time as a Certified Nurse Assistant at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, and that there are other mitigating circumstances in this case that support the determination that you are safe to practice registered nursing, the Board has decided the charges warrant a public reproval.

Accordingly, in resolution of this matter under the authority provided under Business and Professions Code section 495, the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of Consumer Affairs issues this letter of public reproval.

Sincerely,

LOUISE R. BAILEY, M.Ed., R.N.

**Executive Officer** 

Board of Registered Nursing

Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California